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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2005 (the "Action"), finally rejecting claims 6-12 and 17-23, please enter for consideration the comments herein with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith for the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.